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METHOD OF DETERMINING MOVEMENT SEQUENCE, ALIGNMENT APPARATUS, METHOD AND APPARATUS OF DESIGNING OPTICAL SYSTEM, AND MEDIUM IN

WHICH PROGRAM REALIZING THE DESIGNING METHOD

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is responsive to the Office Action mailed January 28, 2003, having a shortened period for response set to expire on April 28, 2003. A petition and fee for a three-month Extension of Time is enclosed, thereby extending the response period to July 28, 2003.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted.

In accordance with the procedures outlined in *Amendments in a Revised Format Now Permitted* signed January 31, 2003, the remarks and amendments to the claims and specification are enclosed on separate sheets.